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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 151738; USIA 14812

1. DR ALEXANDER MENNE, PRESIDENT OF STEUBEN-SCHURZ GESELLSCHAFT (GERMAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY), MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FARBWERKE HOECHST AND NUMEROUS OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS, AND FORMER FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FDP) REPRESENTATIVE IN GERMAN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG), DEPARTING SEPTEMBER 12 FOR NEW YORK ON ONE-MONTH VISIT TO US. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT TO ATTEND MEETING OF INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE BOARD IN SAN FRANCISCO SEPTEMBER 16 TO 23.

2. MENNE ALSO PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON DC FOR FEW DAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 12. HE HAS WRITTEN TO SECRETARY DESIGNATE KISSINGER, ACTING SECRETARY RUSH, ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ABRAMS, AND WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FLANIGAN REGARDING HIS INTEREST IN SEEING THEM AND HAS HAD POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM LAST NAMED. FOREIGN MINISTER SCHELL HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO FRG AMBASSADOR ON MENNE'S BEHALF.

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3. MENNE IS STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF US MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE

AND OF FRG COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO NATO. HE WOULD BE SUIT-
ABLE FOR CONTACT WITH AMERICAN POLITICAL OR BUSINESS GROUPS, AS
DISCUSSED REFTELS. SPEAKS ADEQUATE ENGLISH. ITINERARY, ACCOMMODA-
TIONS, TEC. BEING PLANNED FOR HIM BY GERMAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, NEW YORK, WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TELL DEPARTMENT WHEN HE
WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON AND WHERE HE WILL BE STAYING. HARLAN

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